

of the owner or producer for each of the preceding 3 taxable years exceeds \$2,500,000.”.

(c) **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.**—

(1) **INCREASE IN BENEFITS TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN.**—Section 5(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) **STANDARD DEDUCTION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph, the Secretary shall allow for each household a standard deduction that is equal to the greater of—

“(i) the applicable percentage specified in subparagraph (D) of the applicable income standard of eligibility established under subsection (c)(1); or

“(ii) the minimum deduction specified in subparagraph (E).

“(B) **GUAM.**—The Secretary shall allow for each household in Guam a standard deduction that is—

“(i) equal to the applicable percentage specified in subparagraph (D) of twice the income standard of eligibility established under subsection (c)(1) for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia; but

“(ii) not less than the minimum deduction for Guam specified in subparagraph (E).

“(C) **HOUSEHOLDS OF 6 OR MORE MEMBERS.**—The income standard of eligibility established under subsection (c)(1) for a household of 6 members shall be used to calculate the standard deduction for each household of 6 or more members.

“(D) **APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.**—For the purpose of subparagraph (A), the applicable percentage shall be—

“(i) 8 percent for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004;

“(ii) 8.25 percent for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006;

“(iii) 8.5 percent for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008;

“(iv) 8.75 percent for fiscal year 2009; and

“(v) 9 percent for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

“(E) **MINIMUM DEDUCTION.**—The minimum deduction shall be \$134, \$229, \$189, \$269, and \$118 for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States, respectively.”.

(2) **PARTICIPANT EXPENSES.**—Section 6(d)(4)(I)(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)(I)(i)) is amended by striking “, except that the State agency may limit such reimbursement to each participant to \$25 per month”.

(3) **FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT.**—Section 16(h)(3) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(3)) is amended by striking “such total amount shall not exceed an amount representing \$25 per participant per month for costs of transportation and other actual costs (other than dependent care costs) and” and inserting “the amount of the reimbursement for dependent care expenses shall not exceed”.

(4) **EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.**—Section 413 and subsections (c) and (d) of section 433, and the amendments made by section 413 and subsections (c) and (d) of section 433, shall have no effect.

(d) **LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS.**—

(1) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 135 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7235) (as amended by section 126(1)) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may make loan deficiency payments available to—

“(1) producers on a farm that, although eligible to obtain a marketing assistance loan

under section 131 with respect to a loan commodity, agree to forgo obtaining the loan for the covered commodity in return for payments under this section; and

“(2) effective only for the 2000 and 2001 crop years, producers that, although not eligible to obtain such a marketing assistance loan under section 131, produce a loan commodity.”.

(2) **BENEFICIAL INTEREST.**—Section 135(e)(1) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7235(e)) (as amended by section 126(2)) is amended by striking “A producer” and inserting “Effective for the 2001 crop, a producer”.

(e) **SPECIALTY CROP INSURANCE INITIATIVE.**—

(1) **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.**—Section 522(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) **REIMBURSEMENTS.**—Of the amounts made available from the insurance fund established under section 516(c), the Corporation may use to provide reimbursements under subsection (b) not more than—

“(A) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

“(B) \$27,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 and 2004;

“(C) \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006; and

“(D) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and each subsequent fiscal year.”.

(2) **EDUCATION AND INFORMATION FUNDING.**—Section 524(a)(4) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(4)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) for the education and information program established under paragraph (2)—

“(i) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

“(ii) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

“(iii) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006; and

“(iv) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year; and”.

(3) **REPORTS.**—Not later than September 30, 2002, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes—

(A) the progress made by the Corporation in research and development of innovative risk management products to include cost of production insurance that provides coverage for specialty crops, paying special attention to apples, asparagus, blueberries (wild and domestic), cabbage, canola, carrots, cherries, Christmas trees, citrus fruits, cucumbers, dry beans, eggplants, floriculture, grapes, greenhouse and nursery agricultural commodities, green peas, green peppers, hay, lettuce, maple, mushrooms, pears, potatoes, pumpkins, snap beans, spinach, squash, strawberries, sugar beets, and tomatoes;

(B) the progress made by the Corporation in increasing the use of risk management products offered through the Corporation by producers of specialty crops, by small and moderate sized farms, and in areas that are underserved, as determined by the Secretary; and

(C) how the additional funding provided under the amendments made by this section has been used.

(f) **INITIATIVE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS.**—Section 401(b)(1) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7621(b)(1)) (as amended by section 741) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$120,000,000” and inserting “\$130,000,000”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$145,000,000” and inserting “\$225,000,000”.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Ms. Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Ms. Diane L. Tomb, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to mark up the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2001, which the chairman will propose as a substitute for H.R. 3005. In addition, the committee will consider favorably reporting the following nominations: Richard Clarida to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Economic Policy; Kenneth Lawson to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Enforcement; B. John Williams, Jr., to be Chief Counsel/Assistant General Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service; Janet Hale to be Assistant Secretary of Management and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services; Joan E. Ohl to be Commissioner of Children, Youth and Family Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; James B. Lockhart III, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; and Harold Daub to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing titled, “The Global Reach of Al-Qaeda.”

### Agenda

### Witnesses

Panel 1: Mr. J.T. Caruso, Acting Assistant Director, Counter Terrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC, and Mr. Thomas Wilshire, Deputy Section Chief, International Terrorism Operational Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Ms. Michelle Flournoy, Senior Advisor, International Security

Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, and Mr. Larry Johnson, Former Deputy Director (1989–1993), Office of Counterterrorism, U.S. State Department, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Melanie Leitner, a fellow on my own staff, during the pendency of S. 1731, the farm bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Helen Yuen, a fellow with my education policy office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of this debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kathy McGarvey, a fellow in my Labor Committee office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the debate and vote on the ESEA conference report.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 250, H.R. 643.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 643) to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 643) was read the third time and passed.

#### RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 251, H.R. 645.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 645) to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 645) was read the third time and passed.

#### ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 266, H.R. 700.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 700) to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works with an amendment.

[Omit the parts in black brackets and insert the part printed in italic.]

H.R. 700

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001”.

#### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.

Section 7 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266) is amended by striking “1998” and all that follows through “2002” and inserting “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007”.

#### SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Section 7 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4266) is further amended—

(1) by striking “There are authorized” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this Act.”.

#### SEC. 4. COOPERATION.

The Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 is further amended by redesignating section 7 (16 U.S.C. 4266) as section 8, and by inserting after section 6 the following:

#### “SEC. 7. ADVISORY GROUP.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of Asian elephants.

“(b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

“(1) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Group shall—

“(A) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

“(B) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

“(2) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

“(3) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

“(c) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.”.

#### SEC. 5. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 is amended as follows:

(1) Section 4(3) (16 U.S.C. 4263(3)) is amended by striking “the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund established under section 6(a)” and inserting “the account established by division A, section 101(e), title I of Public Law 105–277 under the heading ‘MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND’”.

(2) Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 4265) is amended by striking the section heading and all that follows through “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.—” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 6. ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.”.

“(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Title I of section 101(e) of division A of Public Law 105–277 (112 Stat. 2681–237) is amended under the heading “MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND” by striking “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, subchapter I” and inserting “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, part I”.]

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—

(1) The matter under the heading “MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND” in title I of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (16 U.S.C. 4246; 112 Stat. 2681–237), is amended—

(A) by striking “section 5304 of” and all that follows through “section 6 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997” and inserting “section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304), part I of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.), and section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4264)”;

(B) by striking “16 U.S.C. 4224” and inserting “section 2204 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4224)”;

(C) by striking “16 U.S.C. 4225” and inserting “section 2205 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4225)”;

(D) by striking “16 U.S.C. 4211” and inserting “section 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211)”.

(2) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001 (107th Congress)—

(A) section 2104(a) of the African Elephant Conservation Act is amended by striking “this Act” and inserting “this title”; and

(B) section 2306(b) of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245(b)) is amended by striking “this Act” each place it appears and inserting “this title”.

#### SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION.

Section 10(a)(1) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709(a)(1)) is amended—